



SAFEGUARD **IOWA** PARTNERSHIP

Strengthening the capacity of Iowa and Iowans to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters through public/private collaboration.

SAFEGUARD IOWA BOARD WELCOMES NEW DIRECTORS



Director Chris Showalter



Director Rob Hedgepeth

Greetings Members and Partners,

At the SIP Quarterly Board meeting on March 21, 2023, the Board passed a change to our by-laws which formalized an agreement with the Iowa Emergency Management Association (IEMA) to fill the vacant Non-profit/Association Director position with their elected 2nd Vice President to a concurrent, one year term on the SIP Board (July 1- June 30). The current IEMA 2nd VP and Butler County Emergency Management Coordinator, Chris Showalter, assumed his duties after the vote.

The Board also voted on several candidates presented by the Nominating Committee to fill a vacant private-sector Director position left open by a recent resignation. Robert Hedgepeth, a partner with BBS Architects | Engineers and retired Iowa Army National Guard Colonel was selected as our newest private-sector Director.

The full bios of all our Officers and Directors are available on our website. [LINK HERE.](#)

Thank you both for agreeing to serve, and welcome to our Partnership!

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SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK



The graphic features a green background with a stylized map of Iowa on the left. It includes logos for the National Weather Service, the Butler County Emergency Management Association, and the Iowa Emergency Management Association. The text 'SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK' is prominently displayed in the center, with '2023' below it. On the right, a vertical list of days and topics is provided: Monday (Severe Thunderstorms), Tuesday (Weather Alerts), Wednesday (Tornadoes), Thursday (Family Preparedness), and Friday (Flash Floods). Each day is accompanied by a circular icon representing the topic. At the bottom, the text 'SWAW NEXT WEEK ARE YOU READY?' is written in large, bold letters, with a small logo of the Butler County Emergency Management Association integrated into the word 'YOU'.

MARCH 27-31

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK 2023

MONDAY
Severe Thunderstorms

TUESDAY
Weather Alerts

WEDNESDAY
Tornadoes

THURSDAY
Family Preparedness

FRIDAY
Flash Floods

SWAW NEXT WEEK

ARE YOU READY?

As you can see from the above graphic from our partners at Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, next week is **Severe Weather Awareness Week** across Iowa. Each day will focus on a different aspect of preparedness. The National Weather Service and most of Iowa's local Emergency Management Agencies will be participating. Take some time to participate and ensure you, your family, and those you care about are ready! We will also be sharing information on Facebook and Twitter.

BUSINESS CONTINUITY WORKSHOPS

NEARLY 1 OUT OF 3 BUSINESSES ARE IMPACTED BY A DISASTER!

40% FAIL TO REOPEN, ANOTHER 25% FAIL WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR...

In spite of these scary facts, nearly **80 percent** of businesses do not have an emergency operations or business continuity plan. Are you looking for Business Continuity training for small and medium sized businesses in your area of Iowa? Safeguard Iowa Partnership can facilitate a **Business Continuity Workshop** to help your area businesses with the process of developing these plans. The training will provide interactive tools, templates, and subject matter experts to help get them started in the planning process to develop their own business continuity plans that will be specific to their organization.

Contact me at jknox@safeguardiowa.org or **515-650-0424** to discuss the options for this or other SIP offered training.

Jay Knox
Executive Director

SAFEGUARD IOWA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please take the time to "Follow" Safeguard Iowa on Facebook and Twitter. We use these two social media apps to provide updates and quickly "share" useful information from our many partners across the state and nation.

<https://www.facebook.com/SafeguardIowa/>

<https://twitter.com/safeguardiowa>

We need and appreciate your continued support!

The Safeguard Iowa Partnership is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation that began as a voluntary coalition of the state's business and government leaders, who shared a commitment to strengthen the capacity of the state to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters through the collaboration of private sector business and public sector agencies.

Created in 2007, the Partnership's over 800 members across the state of Iowa, empowers businesses to integrate resources, expertise, and plans with those of government during all stages of disaster management to share the private sector's wealth of knowledge and assets, that may be needed during an emergency, with their fellow Iowans.

Public-Private Partnerships (P3) help to establish relationships prior to incidents when familiarity with each other's capabilities and response procedures are critical. These partnerships enable the public and private sector to develop all-hazard plans to pool resources/information, coordinate response/recovery efforts and share training/exercise opportunities.

Safeguard Iowa Partnership is dependent upon the generous financial support we get from our members, like-minded individuals/organizations, and grant funding. Without your support, we could not continue to provide the training and educational opportunities, information sharing and resource coordination that help make disaster preparedness, response and recovery more efficient and effective in Iowa.

**To provide financial support for this year, please
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